

**17-50-332 Knives regulated by state.**

- (1) As used in this section, "knife" means a cutting instrument that includes a sharpened or pointed blade.
- (2) The authority to regulate a knife is reserved to the state except where the Legislature specifically delegates responsibility to a county.
- (3)
  - (a) Unless specifically authorized by the Legislature or, subject to Subsection (3)(b), a county ordinance with a criminal penalty, a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance or a regulation pertaining to a knife.
  - (b) A county may not enact an ordinance with a criminal penalty pertaining to a knife that is:
    - (i) more restrictive than a state criminal penalty pertaining to a knife; or
    - (ii) has a greater criminal penalty than a state penalty pertaining to a knife.

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